

## **CLAIMS (UNAMENDED)**

Although not currently amended, the currently pending claims are set forth below for the Examiner's convenience:

1. (Previously Presented): A precipitated silica characterized by

BET 350 - 550 m<sup>2</sup>/g

DBP number 350 - 400 g/100 g

$d_{50}$  5 - 15  $\mu\text{m}$ , and

tamped density	20 to less than 70 g/l.
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2. (Original): The precipitated silica as claimed in claim 1, wherein the particle size distribution

$$\frac{d_{90} - d_{10}}{d_{50}}$$

is from 0.90 to 1.5.

3. (Original): The precipitated silica as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gloss angle  
gloss values are:

60°                      15 - 25 and

85° 50 - 70.

4. (Original): The precipitated silica as claimed in claim 2, wherein the gloss angle  
gloss values are:

60°                      15 - 25 and

85°                      50 - 70.

5. (Original): A process for increasing the matting effect of a paint or ink comprising adding the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 1 as a matting agent to said paint.

6. (Original): A paint or ink, which includes the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 1 as a matting agent.

7. (Original): A process for increasing the matting effect of a paint or ink comprising adding the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 2 as a matting agent to said paint.

8. (Original): A paint or ink, which includes the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 2 as a matting agent.

9. (Original): A process for increasing the matting effect of a paint or ink comprising adding the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 3 as a matting agent to said paint.

10. (Original): A paint or ink, which includes the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 3 as a matting agent.

11. (Original): A process for increasing the matting effect of a paint or ink comprising adding the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 4 as a matting agent to said paint.

12. (Original): A paint or ink, which includes the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 4 as a matting agent.

13. (Previously Presented): A wax-coated precipitated silica characterized by

BET                    350 - 550 m<sup>2</sup>/g

DBP number    350 - 400 g/100 g

d<sub>50</sub>                    5 - 15 μm

tamped density        20 to less than 70 g/l

carbon content            2 - 18% by weight.

14. (Original): The wax-coated precipitated silica as claimed in claim 13, wherein  
the particle size distribution

$$\frac{d_{90} - d_{10}}{d_{50}}$$

is from 0.90 to 1.5.

15. (Original): A wax-coated precipitated silica as claimed in claim 13, wherein the  
gloss angle gloss values are:

60°                    15 - 25 and

85°                    50 - 70.

16. (Original): A wax-coated precipitated silica as claimed in claim 14, wherein the gloss angle gloss values are:

60°                    15 - 25 and

85°                    50 - 70.

17. (Original): A process for increasing the matting effect of a paint or ink comprising adding the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 13 as a matting agent to said paint.

18. (Original): A paint or ink, which includes the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 13 as a matting agent.

19. (Original): A process for increasing the matting effect of a paint or ink comprising adding the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 14 as a matting agent to said paint.

20. (Original): A paint or ink, which includes the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 14 as a matting agent.

21. (Original): A process for increasing the matting effect of a paint or ink comprising adding the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 15 as a matting agent to said paint.

22. (Original): A paint or ink, which includes the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 15 as a matting agent.

23. (Original): A process for increasing the matting effect of a paint or ink comprising adding the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 16 as a matting agent to said paint.

24. (Original): A paint or ink, which includes the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 16 as a matting agent.

25. (Previously Presented): The precipitated silica as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  $d_{50}$  value is from 7-11  $\mu\text{m}$ .

26. (Previously Presented): The wax-coated precipitated silica as claimed in claim 13, wherein the  $d_{50}$  value is from 7-11  $\mu\text{m}$ .

27. (Previously Presented): The precipitated silica as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tamped density is 20-60 g/l.

28. (Previously Presented): The wax-coated precipitated silica as claimed in claim 13, wherein the tamped density is 20-60 g/l.